

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities.

Further, replacement Figures 26 and 27 are submitted. In each of replacement Figures 26 and 27 the reference numeral "26" is now used instead of the previously used reference numeral --26a--.

The changes to the specification and in Figures 26 and 27 are not believed to raise issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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